

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 9-16. Please amend claims 1-8 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An improved golf club grip to be mounted on a shaft comprising:

an elongated grip body formed of moldable[[,]] resilient material; ~~—said body having~~

a cap end; ~~and,~~

a shaft end; ~~and,~~

~~having~~ a longitudinal axis; ~~and,~~

an external surface having a substantially circular cross-sectional configuration throughout the length of said body[[,]] and said external surface having a first diameter adjacent to said shaft end and a second diameter adjacent to said cap end;

an elongated substantially circular cavity disposed through ~~the~~ said shaft end coaxially through

the said longitudinal axis of said grip body and adapted to receive the golf club shaft[[,]];

a progressively and uniformly decreasing external diameter from said first diameter to said second diameter; and

~~the external surface of said body having a first diameter adjacent the shaft end and a second diameter at the shaft cap of said body, the diameter of said grip body progressively decreasing from said first diameter to said second diameter, and~~

an integrally formed alignment means for positioning the said grip body in the hands of a user, said alignment means extending upwardly from the exterior surface of said grip body in alignment with the longitudinal axis of the golf club shaft and adapted in cooperation with the decreasing diameter of said grip body from said shaft end to said cap end of said grip body whereby the grip body adjacent to the shaft end ~~of said body~~ provides an improved grip for the ~~user's~~ hands of the user and better control of the golf club.

2. (Currently amended) An improved golf club grip as defined in ~~Claim~~ claim 1 wherein said first diameter is approximately in the range of ~~0.77" - 0.80"~~ 0.92" - 0.95" and said second diameter is approximately in the range of ~~0.92" - 0.95"~~ 0.77" - 0.80".

3. (Currently amended) An improved golf club grip as defined in ~~Claim~~ claim 2 wherein the diameter of said grip body uniformly decreases from the shaft end to the cap end of said grip body.

4. (Currently amended) An improved golf club grip as defined in ~~Claim~~ claim 1 wherein said alignment means comprises an elongated ridge depending upwardly from the external surface of said body in alignment with the longitudinal axis of said grip body.

5. (Currently amended) An improved golf club as defined in ~~Claim~~ claim 4 wherein said elongated ridge extends from the cap end to the shaft end of said grip body.

6. (Currently amended) An improved golf club adapted to be coupled to an elongated golf club shaft having a longitudinal axis, said golf club comprising:

an elongated grip body formed of moldable resilient material, ~~said grip body having;~~

a cap end; ~~and,~~

a shaft end; ~~and,~~

~~having~~ a longitudinal axis; ~~and,~~

an external surface having a substantially circular cross-sectional configuration throughout the length of said body ~~[[,]]~~ and said external surface having a first diameter adjacent to said shaft end and a second diameter adjacent to said cap end;

an elongated substantially circular cavity disposed through ~~the~~ said shaft end coaxially through ~~the~~ said longitudinal axis of said grip body and adapted to receive the golf club shaft ~~[[,]]~~;

a progressively and uniformly decreasing external diameter from said first diameter to said second diameter; and

~~the external surface of said grip body having a first diameter adjacent the shaft end and a second diameter at the cap end of said grip body, the diameter of said grip body decreasing from said first diameter to said second diameter, and~~

an integrally formed alignment ridge extending upwardly from the external surface of said grip body in alignment with the longitudinal axis of said golf club shaft and adapted in cooperation with the decreasing diameter of the grip body from the shaft end to the cap end so as to permit the golf club grip to be consistently positioned in the ~~user's~~ hands of the user for better control of the golf club.

7. (Currently amended) An improved golf club grip as defined in ~~Claim~~ claim 6 wherein said first diameter is approximately in the range of ~~0.77"-0.80"~~ 0.92" - 0.95" and said second diameter is approximately in the range of ~~0.92"-0.95"~~ 0.77"-0.80".

8. (Currently amended) An improved golf club grip as defined in ~~Claim~~ claim 6 wherein said elongated ridge extends from the cap end to the shaft end of said grip body.

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